

ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 18, 2018 10 AM

1st Sunday in Lent

ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!

Prelude: "Shine, Jesus, Shine" Graham Kendrick
"The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing"

Lift Up Your Hearts 536

Leader The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Welcome

Prayer

*All Sing: "The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing"

Lift Up Your Hearts 536: 1 – 3

*God's Greeting

*Greet One Another

*All Sing: "There Is a Redeemer"

Lift Up Your Hearts 833: 1 – 3

*Prayer

*All Sing: "What the Lord Has Done In Me"

Lift Up Your Hearts 800: 1 – 3

HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE HIM:

GOD MAKES A COVENANT WITH US US!

Baptism Liesel Marie De Maagd

All Sing: "We Will Extol You, God and King"

Lift Up Your Hearts 562: 1 – 4

[Children and parents come forward during last stanza of
this song for Children's blessing]

Children's Worship Blessing

Leader: People of God, what is our prayer for
these children?

**People: May the Lord be with you as you learn
of Jesus and his love.**

Children: And also with you.

**People: May the word of the Lord grow in your
hearts.**

Children: Thanks be to God.

People: Go in peace.

[Children ages four through Grade 1 dismissed for
Praise and Play, & Children in Worship]

Concerns of our Church Family

Congregational Prayer

OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING: GOD BLESSES US!

Offering: Ministry and Christian Education funds

Offertory: "Lead Me, Lord" arr. Robert Thygerson

OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Luke 7: 11 – 15 (p. 1605)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: A Touching Story

Prayer

*All Sing: "Jesus Heard with Deep Compassion"

Lift Up Your Hearts 127: 1 – 2

GOD PREPARES A TABLE BEFORE US!

The Apostle's Creed Psalter Hymnal (p. 813)

God's Invitation

Approaching the Table

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right for us to give thanks and
praise.**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

All Sing: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

Lift Up Your Hearts 538: 4

Words of Institution

Minister: The Bread which we break is a sharing in
the Body of Christ.

**People: We who are many are one body, for we
all share the same loaf.**

Minister: The cup for which we give thanks is a
sharing in the blood of Christ.

**People: The cup that we drink is our
participation in the blood of Christ.**

Minister: The Gifts of God for the people of God.

The Bread is distributed

"There Is a Redeemer" arr. Douglas Wagner

The Wine is distributed

All Sing: "Behold the Lamb"

Lift Up Your Hearts 840: 1 – 4

OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING: GOD BLESSES US!

The Thanksgiving:

[Offering for Benevolence]

*All Sing: "Christ, the Life of All the Living"

Lift Up Your Hearts 137: 1 – 3

GO BOLDLY AND SERVE:

GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!

*Invitation

*God's Parting Blessing

People: Amen.

*All Sing: "My Friends, May You Grow in Grace"

Lift Up Your Hearts 938

*Postlude: "Thanks Be to God"

George F. Handel

(*stand, if you are able)

Minister

Liturgist

Organist

Sanctuary Choir

Plymouth Brass

Guitar

Pianist

Scripture reader

Rev. Steve De Vries

Rev. Sarah Albers

Annelle Dekker

Doug De Vries

Zach Hall, Ethan Lonsway, Justin Schreiber

Beth VanDenHeuvel, Andrew Van Zytveld

Thomas Huiseman

Betty Van Mersbergen

Brad Brummel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP

February 18, 2018

Good morning and welcome to Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church! Pastor De Vries is leading both services today. In the morning he'll preach on Mark 9:2-9, ***On the Mountain Top***. In the afternoon service his meditation will be based on Psalm 29, ***The Voice of the Lord***.

Next week Sunday is the first Sunday of Lent and we look forward to the celebration of both Baptism and Communion. Dave and Alyssa De Maagd will be presenting Liesel Marie for Baptism, and Pastor De Vries will begin a Lenten series focusing on the Five Senses: ***Touching Death*** from Luke 7:11-15. In our afternoon service Seminarian Jihye Park will lead worship with a meditation based on Psalm 23.

Giving at Plymouth: Plymouth Heights encourages members and regular attenders to follow the Biblical model of giving cheerfully (2 Cor. 9:7), consistently (1 Cor. 16:2) and sacrificially (Ps. 4:5). Contributing to the work of the church is both a renunciation of greed as an idol and an acknowledgement that all we have has been given to us by God and is meant to be used for his purposes (Matt. 25:14-30). Giving is an expression of grateful worship in response to all God has done for us. It's our prayer that God blesses us all with the gift of generosity!

Short-Term Ministry: Our seasonal choir is forming now, in addition to next Thanksgiving and Christmas, to prepare music for this Lent and Easter season. It's not too late to join. Our rehearsals are on Sunday mornings begin at 8:45. You may contact Doug De Vries or any of our choir members. We eagerly look forward to welcoming you into this seasonal ministry. Child care is provided

BANNERS

During this season of Lent we focus on the suffering and sacrifice of Jesus for our salvation. The purple banners in our sanctuary represent our penance as well as the royalty of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The red cords symbolize the sacrifice and shed blood of Christ. Isaiah 53: 5 reminds us that "by his stripes we are healed." The seven purple panels in each banner represent Ash Wednesday and the six Sundays of Lent. The different lengths and widths represent our individual differences in faith and life. Each banner is made of the same purple cloth which represents our oneness and unity in Christ.

TITHING OPPORTUNITIES

February 18, 2018 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

February 18, 2018 PM: Calvin College

February 25, 2018 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

February 25, 2018 PM: Family Promise

Online Giving available at phcrc.org

YOUTH AND EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discovery Hour: Discovery Hour is this morning at 9AM. Grades K-2 meet in Room 104 and grades 3-5 meet in Room 105. Grades 6-12 meet in the Youth Room. We will meet next week, February 25.

Breakaway: Our next event is Saturday, February 24. Rachel is still working out the details and needs to see if there will be snow on the ground, but meet at church at **12:30pm and we will be back by 3pm**. This is a free event. Our next gathering is Sunday, February 25. We will meet in the Youth Room at **5pm**, eat dinner and hang out, and then head over to Encounter Church for their annual Worship Jam night. We will be back to church around 8pm.

Lifeline: Our next gathering is tonight from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the Youth Room. Schedule addition: We will be going to Worship Jam at Encounter Church on Sunday, February 25. Please meet in the Youth Room at **6pm** and we will head over to Encounter together. We will be back to church around 8pm.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Households 4 and 6 are invited to lunch after the morning service on Sunday, March 4. More information to come. College students and visitors are welcome to join us.

Bassinet Blessings: To help welcome Vivienne Laroe DenBraber to our church family, we have the opportunity to give a small wrapped anonymous gift to her and her family. The bassinet will be out through March 3. Blessings abound!

Prayer Partners Program: The Prayer Partner Program has been up and running for over 6 months now and is thriving. Thank you to everyone who has invested their time and energy into praying for and building relationships with the children and youth here at Plymouth Heights. We are in need of a few more prayer partner volunteers as there are new faces in the nursery. Contact Rachel Harkema at rharkema@phcrc.org or 616-328-2549 if you are interested in being a prayer partner. Thank you!

DR Group Sub Sandwich Sale: The Dominican Republic (DR) group is having a sub sandwich sale to help pay for their upcoming spring break trip to the DR. A sign-up sheet is on the table by the elevator. The cost will be 2 subs for \$10.00, 4 for \$18.00 or 10 for \$40.00. There are different meat options to choose from and can be with or without cheese. Any questions ask Deb Hall, Rachel Harkema, or Marion VanDenHeuvel. Thank you for your support with this ministry.

Chili Cook-Off: There will be a Chili Cook-Off on Wednesday, March 7 in order to raise money for the Dominican Republic Trip. See details in your communicator box.

Save the Date: Our next Congregational Potluck is set for Sunday April 8. More details to come.

OUTREACH

Mobile Food Pantry: Our next event is this Saturday, February 24 with registration and a pancake breakfast starting at 7am, and food distribution from 8:30-10:00am. Volunteer job assignment sheets are in your communicators today. If you are interested in joining us for a time of food and fellowship with our neighbors, please contact Tom or Mary VanWingerden (616-241-4911) this week.

OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

For the academic year 2018-2019 Classis Grand Rapids East will provide need-based financial aid to students who are members of a church in our Classis, planning to enroll in an approved M. Div. program, and committed to entering ordained ministry in the CRC. The application deadline is March 1, 2018. Details and the application form are available on the Classis website under "Leadership Development Grants" at <http://classisgreast.org/index.php/ministry-grants/>

Volunteers In Service (VIS) event March 8: It includes a not so silent auction, activities for kids, supper, a pastor's face off with *Bad Dad* jokes, and River City Improv. This is a great time for churches to come out and support the work of the kingdom through Volunteers In Service (VIS). To get your tickets register at www.visgr.org.

Sunday February 18, 2018

8:45AM Sanctuary Choir

9:00AM Discovery Hour
K-2nd grade will meet in Room 104
3rd- 5th grade will meet in Room 105
6th-12th will meet in the Youth Room

10:00AM Morning Worship Service

Usher: Dave & Mary Kline,
Tom Diepstra, Ernie Noorman

Prayer Servants: Nancy VanLopik,
Alice Geelhoed

Nursery: Jane Scharps, Lori Tilma,
Emma Tilma, Kathy Kool

Kingdom Kidz: (2 & 3 yrs old)
Jasmine Underland, Zoe Underland

Praise and Play:
(4 yrs old through young 5's)
Dawn Block, Cassandra Block

Children in Worship:
(5 yrs old through first grade)
Jenny Koopmans, Ian Blom

Coffee Fellowship:
Michael & Andrea Lautenbach

5:30 PM Evening Worship Service

5:30-7:30PM Breakaway (4th - 8th grade) meet
in the Youth Room

Monday
7:00PM Full Council Meeting

Tuesday
7PM-8:15PM Friendship; Lesson 5b
Friendship Cookie Bakers:
Atts DeVries, Betty VanMersbergen

7PM Basketball
Basketball snacks: Elayne Penning

Wednesday

6:30-8:00PM Apprentice Group (Youth Room)
6:30-8:15PM Cadets

Sunday February 25, 2018

8:45AM Sanctuary Choir

9:00AM Discovery Hour
K-2nd grade will meet in Room 104
3rd- 5th grade will meet in Room 105
6th-12th will meet in the Youth Room

10:00AM Morning Worship Service

Usher: Larry Tilma, Jeff Peterson, Lori
Tilma, James Vazquez

Prayer Servants: Ralph Honderd,
Mary Gerritsen

Nursery: Jane Brouwer, Vonda Brassier
Nathan Leder

Kingdom Kidz: (2 & 3 yrs old)
Amy Blom, Ava Leder

Praise and Play:
(4 yrs old through young 5's)
Mike & Liz Brouwers

Children in Worship:
(5 yrs old through first grade)
Jenny Koopmans, Denise Mokma

Coffee Fellowship:
David & Jane Tiesenga,
Paul & Susan Holwerda

5:30 PM Evening Worship Service

5:30-7:30PM Lifeline (9th - 12th grade) meet
in the Youth Room